

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 6, after line 20, please insert the following paragraph:

--Figure 6A is a block diagram of an apparatus, in accordance with another embodiment of the invention.--

On page 6, after line 22, please insert the following paragraph:

--Figure 6B is a block diagram of an apparatus, in accordance with another embodiment of the invention.--

In the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 20, please amend the paragraph as shown below:

The outer conductors 130A and 130B (generally referred herein as outer conductor 130) can be a conducting material such as, for example, copper, stainless steel, or another type of conducting material. In an embodiment, the outer conductor 130 is typically a mesh configuration (chain-link-fence-style mesh) as shown in Figure 2. The mesh configuration for a conductor is commonly-used in current coaxial cables. However, the outer conductor 130 can another style of configuration and is not necessarily limited to the mesh configuration. For example, the conductor 130 can be a single conductive (e.g., copper) wire, a twisted pair 130C of solid conductor (FIG. 6A), or a twisted pair 130D of flexible conductor (FIG. 6B). If additional protection is desired for the optical fiber 120, then the outer conductor 130 should be a relatively stiff material such as, for example, stainless steel or another suitable type of conductor.